## BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF THE MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY MOAB SALT, INCORPORATED GRAND COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE APPROVAL

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, T26S, R20 E; SECTION 30, T26S, R21E AND SECTIONS 1, 2, 11, 12, T27S, R20E, SLBM, GRAND COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given that tentative approval was given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, on July 11, 1989 to Moab Salt, Incorporated to continue surface/underground mining operations in:

Grand County, Utah

The name of the mining operation is Cane Creek Mine, and the person representing the company is Mr. Eric York.

Moab Salt, Incorporated has fulfilled obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 (Section 40-8, UCA, 1953, as amended) with specific reference to Section 40-8-13 and will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 1,002 acres of private, state and federal land.

## During Operations

Moab Salt Incorporated will continue mining operations at its Cane Creek solution mine, seven miles southwest of Moab, Utah. Colorado River water is injected through wells into a pre-existing underground potash mine. The water dissolves underground salt deposits then is pumped back to the surface for removal of salts. The salts, potassium chloride and sodium chloride, are removed from solution in several large evaporation ponds. The life expectancy of this operation ranges from 50-60 years, at present market demand.

The affected lands within the mine permit boundaries will be reclaimed, to as near their original condition as practicable, thus enhancing the scenic value of the region for tourism. The mines surface facilities will be removed and regraded, all salt contaminated areas will be cleaned up and revegetated.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203, setting forth factual reasons for his or her complaint, and thereafter, at a time and place to be established, appear before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to show cause, if any, why this mine plan should not be approved.

DATED THIS 11th day of July 1989.

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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